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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONTINUE
THE TASK FORCE ON OBSTETRIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LIABILITY
INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, there is a continuing crisis in obstetric health
care access because malpractice premiums for all types of
health care providers, including certified nurse-midwives,
primary care physicians and obstetricians, are escalating; and

WHEREAS, those escalating costs threaten access to
childbirth services, especially in underserved and rural areas
where certified nurse-midwives provide many services; and

WHEREAS, one-third of all vaginal births in New Mexico are
delivered by certified nurse-midwives; and

WHEREAS, various task forces have been working to find
solutions to this problem for three years;

